

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/764,159

Examiner

Stephen Elmore

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed May 6, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 13.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 24 January 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/623,052.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


STEPHEN C. ELMORE 5/11/2005
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT, COMMENT and REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

to correct minor typographic errors and translation artifacts

At page 6, line 3, delete "[sic]";

At page 36, line 27, replace "Figures 2-7:" with

--Figures 2, 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, 5, 6, 7:--;

At page 37, line 5, replace "Figures 12c, d:" with

--Figures 12c, 12d:--;

At page 37, line 13, replace "Figure 16:" with

--Figures 16a, 16b:--;

At page 37, line 23, replace "Figure 20:" with

--Figures 20a, 20b, 20c, 20d:--;

At page 37, line 33, replace "Figure 24:" with

--Figures 24a, 24b, 24c, 24d:--;

At page 38, at line 5, insert

--Figure 29: Circuit for saving status information--;

At page 50, line 27, delete "[sic]".

EXAMINER'S COMMENT

2. In the amendment filed May 6, 2005, in the section labeled "**REMARKS - I. Introduction**", at page 4, Applicant states that a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was submitted with the amendment, however, no actual

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Supplement Information Disclosure Statement was found to be filed and therefore it could not be considered.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In independent claim 13, directed towards a method for reconfiguring a multi-dimensional configurable cell arrangement, the following features taken in combination with the remaining limitations are not found in and or are not obvious in view of the prior art of record,

"reconfiguring the at least one cell according to the new reconfiguration instruction if the at least one cell is in a reconfigurable state; and otherwise transmitting reject information by the at least one cell to the unit; and in response to the reject information, storing the new reconfiguration instruction in the memory".

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen Elmore whose telephone number is (571) 272-4436. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Kim can be reached on (571) 272-4182. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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